

CLAIMS:

1. A reservoir for a source of a gaseous, gas borne or droplet substance to be used in a dispenser, the reservoir having:

- a major portion having a comparatively large cross-section of its substance space and
- a minor portion having a comparatively small cross-section of its substance space,

the reservoir being translucent, and preferably transparent, at the minor portion at least, whereby a user can note a comparatively rapid depletion with use of the quantity of substance remaining when the source approaches exhaustion of the substance.

2. A reservoir as claimed in claim 1, wherein the minor portion has a constant cross-section.

3. A reservoir as claimed in claim 1, wherein the minor portion has a progressively diminishing cross-section, whereby the rate of fall of the level of the substance increases as it is further depleted.

4. A reservoir as claimed in claim 1, claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the minor portion is the opposite end of the source from its release valve, with the user holding the dispenser valve-up to observe the level of the substance in the minor portion.

5. A reservoir as claimed in claim 1, claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the minor portion is provided at the valve end of the reservoir as a diminishing cross-section neck.

6. A reservoir as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the reservoir is of glass.

7. A reservoir as claimed in claim 6, wherein the glass reservoir is enclosed in a plastics material sheath.

8. A reservoir as claimed in claim 7, wherein the plastics material sheath is a shrink wrapping or an insert moulding.

9. A reservoir as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the reservoir is of transparent/translucent plastics material.

10. A reservoir as claimed in claim 9, wherein the reservoir is enclosed by a robust, impermeable outer enclosure.

11. A reservoir as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the reservoir is provided with an insert, which substantially reduces the cross-section thereof.

12. A reservoir as claimed in claim 11, wherein the insert is formed as part of a component of the valve in the source for metering a dose from its reservoir.

13. A reservoir as claimed in claim 11 or claim 12, wherein the insert is parallel.

14. A reservoir as claimed in claim 11 or claim 12, wherein the insert is tapered.

5 15. A source for a dispenser of a gaseous, gas borne or droplet substance from the source, the source having a reservoir as claimed in any preceding claim.

16. A dispenser for a gaseous, gas borne or droplet substance having a source of the substance as claimed in any preceding claim.